

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for paying for mail to be delivered from a sender in a first country to a recipient in a second country, comprising the steps of:
affixing a first indicia containing a unique number to mail for payment of carrier fees ~~for a~~ the first country post office;
affixing a second country indicia containing a number to the mail for payment of the carrier fees for ~~the~~ a second country post office, and
debiting a meter for the payment of the carrier fees for the first country post office and the carrier fees for the second country post office.
2. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first indicia is a post office postal indicia.
3. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the second indicia is a post office postal indicia.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a postage meter.

7. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a personal computer meter.

8. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:
 storing information contained in the first indicia and the second indicia in a
database;
 examining the first indicia information and the second indicia information; and
 comparing the information stored in the database with the information
examined to determine whether the first indicia, and the second indicia affixed to
examined mail are legitimate.

9. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:

utilizing the unique number contained in the first indicia and the number contained in the second indicia to determine whether the first indicia and the second indicia affixed to the examined mail are legitimate.

10. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:
canceling the first indicia and the second indicia.

11. (New) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:
marking the first indicia and the second indicia with a visible ink to distinguish a used first and second indicia from an unused first and second indicia.

12. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:
reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the first indicia to the first country post office; and
reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the second indicia to the second country post office.